

# Darien High School

## 2025-26 Profile

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### School

Description: Grades 9 - 12  
Enrollment: 1,344  
Accreditation: New England Association of Schools and Colleges, 2024

### Community

Description: Middle to high income residential  
Location: 36 miles northeast of New York City  
Population: 21,744

Faculty - 161 Certified Staff: 10 Doctorates, 146 Masters, 5 Baccalaureates

### Grade System and GPA Profile

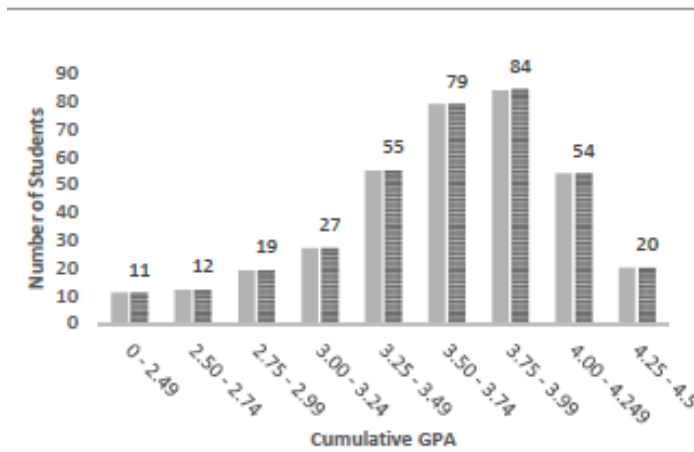
Darien High School computes one cumulative GPA which includes: all courses, except PE/Health, using the scale below. Summer enrichment, transfer credit and after school enrichment courses are not included in the GPA. DHS does not report class rank. Classes are indexed as to indicate levels as follows: 400 Honors and/or AP Placement (weighted .5)

|             | A      | A-    | B+    | B     | B-    | C+    | C     | C-    | D+    | D     | D-    | F   |
|-------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
|             | 93-100 | 90-92 | 87-89 | 83-86 | 80-82 | 77-79 | 73-76 | 70-72 | 67-69 | 63-66 | 60-62 | -60 |
| 300/900/750 | 4      | 3.7   | 3.3   | 3     | 2.7   | 2.3   | 2     | 1.7   | 1.3   | 1     | 0.7   | 0   |
| 400 Series  | 4.5    | 4.2   | 3.8   | 3.5   | 3.2   | 2.8   | 2.5   | 2.2   | 1.8   | 1.5   | 1.2   | 0   |

**Class of 2026 N=361**

**Sixth Semester: Highest GPA: 4.4054**  
**Mean GPA: 3.5816**

**GPA Distribution Class of 2026: 6th Semester**



### Abbreviations used on transcripts:

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| <i>I</i>    | Incomplete  |
| <i>MED</i>  | Medically Excused   |
| <i>P/NC</i> | Marks for courses taken on pass/no credit basis.  |
| <i>W</i>    | Withdrew from class   |
| <i>MBDA</i> | The Mastery Based Diploma Assessment is a CT State requirement. To fulfill this requirement at Darien High School, students are required to complete specific coursework, compose written reflections on our Vision of the Graduate, and successfully complete a Senior Internship or Project. Students are awarded 1.0 credits for this requirement in the Spring semester of Senior year. |

For courses taken during the academic year, a passing grade with zero credit awarded reflects credit loss due to excessive absences, unless the course is being repeated.

Darien Public Schools is committed to a policy of equal opportunity/affirmative action for all qualified persons. Darien Public Schools does not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, or educational activity on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability (including, but not limited to, intellectual disability, past or present history of mental disorder, physical disability or learning disability), genetic information, or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut state and/or federal nondiscrimination laws. The Darien Public Schools does not unlawfully discriminate in employment and licensing against qualified persons with a prior criminal conviction.

**CLASS OF 2025 ACT SCORES**  
(Student participated: 271)

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| English .....   | 29.0 |
| Math .....      | 28.2 |
| Reading .....   | 29.7 |
| Science .....   | 28.4 |
| Composite ..... | 28.9 |

**SAT I SCORES (MEAN) 2025**  
**Cohort: 337**

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| ERW .....  | 614 |
| Math ..... | 602 |

**U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

Class of 2025 produced  
2 US Presidential Scholars

**NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM (NMSQT)**

Class of 2026 produced 8 Semi-Finalists (Commended scholars not announced yet)  
Class of 2025 produced 1 Finalist, 8 Semi-Finalists and 17 Commended Scholars  
Class of 2024 produced 3 Finalists, 1 Semi-Finalists and 21 Commended Students

**HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES:** Students are recommended for enrollment in these extremely rigorous courses by their teachers. Students without teachers' recommendations must have parental support and waive into a course by petitioning the department chair.

**AP SCORES, MAY 2025**

| Subject                            | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | % 3+ |
|------------------------------------|---|----|----|----|----|------|
| 2-D Art and Design                 |   |    | 5  | 6  | 3  | 100% |
| 3-D Art and Design                 |   | 8  | 15 | 4  |    | 70%  |
| African American Studies           |   |    |    |    | 1  | 100% |
| Biology                            | 1 | 2  | 29 | 35 | 30 | 100% |
| Calculus AB                        |   | 3  | 5  | 42 | 19 | 96%  |
| Calculus BC                        |   |    | 2  | 12 | 38 | 100% |
| Chemistry                          |   |    | 7  | 23 | 12 | 100% |
| Chinese Language & Culture         |   |    |    | 1  | 4  | 100% |
| Computer Science A                 | 1 | 3  | 1  | 5  | 9  | 79%  |
| Computer Science Principles        |   | 6  | 7  | 5  | 1  | 68%  |
| Drawing                            |   |    | 2  | 2  | 2  | 100% |
| English Language & Composition     |   | 5  | 29 | 74 | 60 | 97%  |
| English Literature & Composition   |   |    | 8  | 23 | 41 | 100% |
| Environmental Science              |   | 3  | 13 | 26 | 33 | 96%  |
| European History                   |   |    |    | 2  | 8  | 100% |
| French Language & Culture          | 1 | 1  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 82%  |
| German Language and Culture        |   |    | 1  |    |    | 100% |
| Human Geography                    |   |    | 6  | 16 | 16 | 100% |
| Italian Language & Culture         |   |    |    | 1  |    | 100% |
| Macroeconomics                     | 1 | 2  | 5  | 8  | 10 | 88%  |
| Microeconomics                     |   | 1  | 7  | 15 | 19 | 98%  |
| Music Theory                       |   |    | 2  | 1  | 4  | 100% |
| Physics 1                          |   |    |    |    | 1  | 100% |
| Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism |   |    | 3  | 2  | 6  | 100% |
| Physics C: Mechanics               |   | 5  | 21 | 21 | 13 | 92%  |
| Precalculus                        |   |    |    |    | 3  | 100% |
| Psychology                         | 1 | 6  | 16 | 40 | 11 | 91%  |
| Spanish Language and Culture       |   | 12 | 55 | 27 | 17 | 89%  |
| Spanish Literature and Culture     |   | 1  | 10 | 5  |    | 94%  |
| Statistics                         | 1 | 4  | 8  | 19 | 29 | 92%  |
| US Government and Politics         |   | 3  | 12 | 17 | 26 | 95%  |
| United States History              |   |    | 2  | 23 | 37 | 100% |
| World History: Modern              |   |    |    |    | 1  | 100% |

In May 2025, 527 students sat for 1264 examinations; 94% of exams received a score 3 or higher.

**CLASS OF 2025 FUTURE PLANS**

**94.9% to Higher Education**  
**89.7% To Four Year Colleges**  
**5.2% to Two Year Colleges/College Prep**  
**5.2% Other (Career Ed, Travel, Armed Services, Employment, etc.)**

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**HUMANITIES 9 Credits**

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| English                       | 4   |
| History                       | 3.5 |
| Fine Arts/Practical Arts      | 1   |
| Elective Credit in Humanities | .50 |

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS 9 Credits**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Laboratory Science       | 3 |
| Mathematics              | 3 |
| Elective Credits in STEM | 3 |

**WORLD LANGUAGES 1 Credit**

**P.E. AND WELLNESS 1 Credit**

**HEALTH & SAFETY EDUCATION 1 Credit**

**MASTERY BASED DIPLOMA ASSESSMENT 1 Credit**

**OPEN ELECTIVE CREDITS 3 Credits**

**TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE: 25 CREDITS**

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES:**

**ART**

- 400 AP 2-D Art & Design
- 400 AP 3-D Art & Design
- 400 AP Drawing Art & Design

**COMPUTER STUDIES**

- 400 AP Computer Science
- 400 AP Computer Science Principles

**ENGLISH**

- 400 AP English Literature & Composition
- 400 AP English Language & Composition

**WORLD LANGUAGE**

- 400 AP French Language & Culture
- 400 AP Spanish Language & Culture
- 400 AP Spanish Literature

**HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

- 400 AP Macroeconomics
- 400 AP Microeconomics
- 400 AP European History
- 400 AP Human Geography
- 400 AP Psychology
- 400 AP U.S. Government & Politics
- 400 AP U.S. History

**MATHEMATICS**

- 400 AP Calculus AB
- 400 AP Calculus BC
- 400 AP Statistics

**MUSIC**

- 400 AP Music Theory

**SCIENCE**

- 400 AP Biology
- 400 AP Chemistry
- 400 AP Physics C: E & M
- 400 AP Physics C: M
- 400 AP Environmental Science